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¶1. Summary: In response to reftel, the following is a description of
current Arab League Boycott (ALB) practices in Bahrain. End
Summary.

¶2. As a member of the Arab League, Bahrain is officially committed
to enforcement of the primary aspect of the Arab League's boycott of
Israel, but enforcement is lax. Bahrain does not enforce the
secondary or tertiary aspects of the boycott. The government has
stated publicly that it recognizes the need to dismantle the primary
aspect of the boycott and is taking steps to do so. In September
2005, Bahrain closed its boycott office, and there are no other
agencies or offices charged with boycott enforcement. The U.S.
Government has received assurances from the government of Bahrain
that it is committed to ending the boycott and the government has
maintained that position despite occasional calls from some
parliamentarians to increase boycott enforcement. Bahrain has
stated that it is fully committed to complying with WTO requirements
on trade relations with other WTO members, and Bahrain has no
restrictions on U.S. companies trading with Israel or doing business
in Israel.

¶3. Although in previous years U.S. citizens and firms occasionally
encountered outdated tender documents that referenced secondary and
tertiary aspects of the boycott, such language was quickly adjusted
when brought to the attention of authorities. The government of
Bahrain has made efforts to withdraw all old tender documents, and
new articles were drafted and disseminated in harmony with WTO
requirements. There were no reports from U.S. firms in 2009 of
requests to comply with boycott requirements or provide information
regarding compliance.

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